

Remarks

Claim 50 is the only pending claim in this application.

On page 2 of the Office Action, paragraphs 2 and 3, claim 50 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. §103 as being unpatentable over Campbell (GB 303,593) in view of Hubbard et al. (US 4,688,572).

Applicant respectfully traverses this rejection.

The Office Action states that it is unclear if the opposing lateral edges [of Campbell] comprise heat seals. Applicant respectfully takes the position that Campbell does not disclose heat seals, and further that no showing has been made to suggest that hot water bottles be sealed together with heat seals.

On page 3 of the Office Action, paragraph 3, the Office Action states that the edges extending out from the left and right side of the funnel-like portion in Campbell comprise a substantially S-shape to the same degree as claimed. The applicant respectfully traverses, and takes the position that this conclusion is factually incorrect. Campbell does not show first and second lateral edges both substantially S-shaped.

The applicant therefore respectfully submits that claim 50 as now presented is patentable over Campbell in view of Hubbard et al.

The applicant asks for allowance of claim 50.

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